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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lundstrom DATE TYPED 2/14/05 HJR 4/aHGUAC
 SHORT TITLE Increase Legislative Term Lengths, Constitutional Amendment SB _____
 ANALYST Medina

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the Constitution of New Mexico

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Attorney General

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HGUAC Amendment

The House Government and Urban Affairs Committee amendment changes the effective year of the proposed legislative term changes from 2008 to 2009, clarifying that legislative terms for legislators elected in 2008 actually begin January 1, 2009.

Synopsis of Original Joint Resolution

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes an amendment to the Constitution of New Mexico changing the length of term for state senators from four to six years and the length of term for members of the House of Representatives from two to four years. The new term lengths would take effect at the November 2008 general election.

Significant Issues

The joint resolution states the term start January 1, 2008. The term of election following the November 2008 general election actually begins January 1, 2009.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution of New Mexico must be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

The people of New Mexico would not have an opportunity to approve or reject the proposed term length changes for state senators and representatives.

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